



Communications and Language G.A.

Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language

Curriculum Code: 1823

Effective: Fall 2022 – Summer 2027

Purpose of Major

This degree is designed for students wishing to work in a field related to Communications. Pathways included in this Career Community are Communications, Sign Language Interpreter, and World Languages. The degree includes a common set of courses applicable to the Communications and Language majors listed above and to many transfer institutions. Students beginning college in this degree program are encouraged to work with academic and program advisors throughout their first few semesters of study to determine their specific major area and transfer institution (if transfer is a goal).

Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution and may also complete coursework for a Communications Arts, Enhanced AA degree. The Communication Arts, Enhanced AA option allows students to transfer additional credits toward the Bachelor's degree.

Milestone

In addition to the required English and Mathematics courses, completion of LING 230 or SIGN 160 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Contact Information

Contact the Communications and the Arts Department, Gannon Building, Room 1222, telephone number 517-483-1546 or the English Department, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 1106, telephone number 517-483-1061.

General Education – Applied Degrees - Recommended Courses

Select courses as indicated for specific transfer institutions and majors. These courses are preferred General Education courses listed on Transfer Articulation agreements. The recommended courses in each General Education category may also meet Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements. If no course is indicated, choose from the list of options under [General Education](#). A minimum grade of 2.0 is required for each General Education course.

- English Composition or Applied English
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131 meets this requirement.

- English Composition (Second Course) or Communications or Applied Communications
COMM 120, COMM 130, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132 meets MTA requirements.
SIGN 160 meets General Education Applied Degree requirements but does not satisfy MTA. SIGN 160 is a required course for the Sign Language Interpreter A.A.A. degree and transfers to Bachelor’s degree programs articulated with LCC.
- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences
DMAC 260, JAPN 121, LING 230, SPAN 121, or THEA 110 meets this requirement.
- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics
MATH 119, MATH 120, or STAT 170 meets this requirement.
- Natural Sciences or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab Course
Career Community courses meet this requirement.

Communications and Language Career Community Courses – *These courses are required for all Communications and Language programs (Communication, Sign Language Interpreter, and World Language). They should be taken before other Program Required or Limited Choice Courses. Some courses meet General Education requirements for MTA. A minimum of 2.0 is required to meet LCC degree requirements for General Education courses and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course).*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First Year College Experience	1 / 1
ASTR 201 or	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120 or	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 125 or	Introductory Biology	4 / 5
BIOL 145 or	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
CHEM 135 or	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
GEOG 220 or	Weather, Forecasting & Climate	4 / 4
GEOG 221 or	Physical Geography	4 / 4
ISCI 131 or	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5
COMM 120 or	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130 or	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or	Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 132 or	Honors Composition II	4 / 4
SIGN 160	Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3
DMAC 260 or	World Cinema	4 / 4
JAPN 121 or	Elementary Japanese I	4 / 4
SIGN 162 or	American Sign Language II	3 / 3
SPAN 121 or	Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4
THEA 110	Introduction to Theater	3 / 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131	Composition I Honors Composition I	4 / 4 4 / 4
LING 230 or SIGN 161	Introduction to Linguistics American Sign Language I	3 / 3 3 / 3
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170	Math – Applications for Living College Algebra Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived based on the recommendation of a Program Advisor.

For future major areas:

- Communication choose DMAC 260 and LING 230 plus one of the following: COMM 120, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132.
- Communication (Secondary Education certification) choose LING 230 and THEA 110 plus one of the following: COMM 120, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132.
- Sign Language Interpreter choose SIGN 160, SIGN 161, and SIGN 162.
- World Language (including Secondary Education certification) choose LING 230 and JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 plus one of the following: COMM 130, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132.

Program of Study Required Courses – Limited Choices - *Select a minimum of 38 credits.*

Work with an Academic Advisor or Program Advisor to select the most appropriate courses or to select a field-specific major or transfer major that meets your educational and career goals. Some courses meet General Education requirements for MTA. A minimum of 2.0 is required to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course.)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 120	Introduction to Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 271	Medical Anthropology	3 / 3
ARTS 151	Color and Design	3 / 4
ARTS 162	Type Communications	3 / 4
ARTS 171	Adobe Photoshop	3 / 4
ARTS 251	Graphic Design Communications	3 / 4
ARTS 252	Graphic Design Publications	3 / 4
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
CHSE 120	Medical Terminology	4 / 4
COMM 110	Communication in the Workplace	3 / 3
COMM 200	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3

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COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
DMAC 120	Digital Audio Production I	4 / 4
DMAC 121	Digital Audio Production II	4 / 4
DMAC 140	Pre-Production Design	3 / 3
DMAC 141	Ethics and Impact of the Media	3 / 3
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Introduction to Education	3 / 3
EDUC 226	Reading in Elementary School	3 / 3
EDUC 230	Intro to Special Education	3 / 3
ENGL 124	Technical Writing	3 / 3
ENGL 127	Business Writing	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Composition II Honors Composition II	4 / 4 4 / 4
FREN 121 or GRMN 121 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121	Elementary French I Elementary German I Elementary Japanese I Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
FREN 122 or GRMN 122 or JAPN 122 or SPAN 122	Elementary French II Elementary German II Elementary Japanese II Elementary Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
FREN 201 or GRMN 201 or JAPN 201 or SPAN 201	Intermediate French I Intermediate German I Intermediate Japanese I Intermediate Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
FREN 202 or GRMN 202 or JAPN 202 or SPAN 202	Intermediate French II Intermediate German II Intermediate Japanese II Intermediate Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
HUMS 160	Mythology	4 / 4
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
JRNL 151	Newswriting and Reporting	3 / 3
JRNL 254	Opinion Writing	3 / 3
MGMT 223	Supervisory Skills	3 / 3
MGMT 224	Human Resource Management	3 / 3
MGMT 329	Advanced Mgmt Communication	3 / 3
MKTG 140	Introduction to Advertising	3 / 3
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3 / 3
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic & Critical Think	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
PHOT 111	Digital Photography I	3 / 3
PHOT 117	Digital Photography II	4 / 4
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5
POLS 201	Intro to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 270	International Relations	3 / 3
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
PSYC 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3 / 3
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4
SIGN 160	Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3
SIGN 161	American Sign Language I	3 / 3
SIGN 162	American Sign Language II	3 / 3
SIGN 163	American Sign Language III	3 / 3
SIGN 166	Fingerspelling	3 / 3
SIGN 167	Beginning Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 170	Expressive/Receptive ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 176	Advanced Fingerspelling	2 / 2
SIGN 200	Applied Skill in the Workplace	2 / 2
SIGN 260	Linguistic Principles of ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 261	Principles of Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 263	Intermediate Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 266	Educational Interpreting	2 / 2
SIGN 267	Sign Practicum I	3 / 3
SIGN 268	Sign Practicum II	3 / 3
SIGN 270	Advanced Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 271	Advanced Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4
THEA 220	Play Directing	3 / 4

Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 60 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

College-ready Full-time

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 121 or 131 LING 230 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161) Career Community Science

Semester II
COMM 120 or 130 or ENGL 122 or 132 or SIGN 162 DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no SIGN 162) MATH 119 or 120 or STAT 170
Students who have decided on an academic program within the Communications and Language Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway.

Semester III
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester IV
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

College-ready Part-time

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 121 LING 230 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161)

Semester II
COMM 120 or 130 or ENGL 122 or 132 or SIGN 162 MATH 119 or 120 or STAT 170

Semester III (Summer – optional)
DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no SIGN 162) Career Community Science
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Semester IV
DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no SIGN 162 and no Summer enrollment) Career Community Science (if no Summer enrollment)

Semester IV
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Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester V
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

MATH 097/MATH 109

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 121 LING 230 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161) Career Community Science

Semester II
COMM 120 or 130 or ENGL 122 or 132 or SIGN 162 DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no SIGN 162) MATH 119 or STAT 170 (with MATH 097 if needed) or MATH 109

Semester III (Summer – optional)
MATH 120 (if MATH 109)
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Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester IV
MATH 120 (if MATH 109 and no Summer enrollment)
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Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester V
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: MATH 097 and MATH 109 are developmental prerequisites and do not count toward program credit totals.

MATH 106

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 121 LING 230 or SIGN 160 and SIGN 161 MATH 106

Semester II
COMM 120 or 130 or ENGL 122 or 132 or SIGN 162 DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no SIGN 162) MATH 119 or STAT 170 (with MATH 097 if needed) or MATH 109 Career Community Science

Semester III (Summer – optional)
MATH 120 (if MATH 109)
Students who have decided on an academic program within the Communications and Language Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway.
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester IV
MATH 120 (if MATH 109 and no Summer enrollment)
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Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester V
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: MATH 106 is a developmental prerequisite and does not count toward program credit totals.

ENGL 099

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 099 ENGL 121 LING 230 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161)

Semester II
COMM 120 or 130 or ENGL 122 or 132 or SIGN 162 DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no SIGN 162)

Semester II
MATH 119 or 120 or STAT 170 Career Community Science Students who have decided on an academic program within the Communications and Language Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway.

Semester III
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester IV
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: ENGL 099 is a developmental prerequisite and does not count toward program credit totals.

ENGL 099 and MATH 097/MATH 109

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 099 ENGL 121 LING 230 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161) Career Community Science (if LING 230)

Semester II
MATH 119 or STAT 170 (with MATH 097 if needed) or MATH 109 COMM 120 or 130 or ENGL 122 or 132 or SIGN 162 DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no SIGN 162) Career Community Science (if SIGN 162)

Semester III (Summer – optional)
MATH 120 (if MATH 109)
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Semester IV
MATH 120 (if MATH 109 and no Summer enrollment)
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Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester V
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: ENGL 099, MATH 097 and MATH 109 are developmental prerequisites and do not count toward program credit totals.

ENGL 099 and MATH 106

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course)
ENGL 099
ENGL 121
LING 230 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161)
MATH 106

Semester II
COMM 120 or 130 or ENGL 122 or 132 or SIGN 162
DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 (if no SIGN 162)
MATH 119 or STAT 170 (with MATH 097 if needed), or MATH 109
Career Community Science

Semester III (Summer – optional)
MATH 120 (if MATH 109)
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Semester IV
MATH 120 (if MATH 109 and no Summer enrollment)
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Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester V
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: ENGL 099 and MATH 106 are developmental prerequisites and do not count toward program credit totals.

ENGL 098

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course)
ENGL 098

Semester I
DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161)

Semester II
ENGL 121 (if 2.5 in ENGL 098) or ENGL 099 and ENGL 121 (if below 2.5 in ENGL 098) MATH 119 or 120 or STAT 170 LING 230 or SIGN 162 Career Community Science
Students who have decided on an academic program within the Communications and Language Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway.

Semester III
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Semester IV
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: ENGL 098 is a developmental prerequisite and does not count toward program credit totals.

ENGL 098 and MATH 097/109

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 098 DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161)

Semester II
ENGL 121 (if 2.5 in ENGL 098) or ENGL 099 and ENGL 121 (if below 2.5 in ENGL 098) MATH 119 or STAT 170 (with MATH 097 if needed) or MATH 109 LING 230 or SIGN 162 Career Community Science
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Semester III
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Semester IV
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: ENGL 098, MATH 097 and MATH 109 are developmental prerequisites and do not count toward program credit totals.

ENGL 098 and MATH 106

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute Career Community course) ENGL 098 DMAC 260 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or (SIGN 160 and SIGN 161) MATH 106

Semester II
ENGL 121 (if 2.5 in ENGL 098) or ENGL 099 and ENGL 121 (if below 2.5 in ENGL 098) MATH 119 or STAT 170 (with MATH 097 if needed) or MATH 109 LING 230 or SIGN 162 Career Community Science (if no ENGL 099)

Semester III (Summer – optional)
MATH 120 (if MATH 109) Career Community Science (if no ENGL 099)
Students who have decided on an academic program within the Communications and Language Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway.

Semester IV
MATH 120 (if MATH 109 and no summer enrollment) Career Community Science (if no ENGL 099 and no summer enrollment)
Students who have decided on an academic program within the Communications and Language Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway.
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Semester V
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communications and Language GA

Note: ENGL 098 and MATH 106 are developmental prerequisites and do not count toward program credit totals.

LCC makes every effort to limit revisions to the pathways during their effective timeframe. However, the College reserves the right to update certificate and degree title changes, and make course changes as needed, without prior notice.